What is claimed is:

1. A method for setting up and charging for a telecommunications link, between a first telecommunications subscriber in a location and a second telecommunications subscriber in a communications network, comprising:

applying a preferential charge tariff for setting up the telecommunications link if the location of the first telecommunications subscriber belongs to a selection of locations, where set-up of the telecommunications link is controlled by an intelligent network; and

providing information required for location-based charging to the communications network from an external service logic unit via an open network interface.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a preferential charge tariff is used for charging if one or more other selected conditions are satisfied.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

interrogating a data store associated with the external service logic unit to determine whether the location of the first telecommunications subscriber belongs to the selection of locations.

4. The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

interrogating data stores associated with the external service logic unit to determine whether the location of the first telecommunications subscriber belongs to the selection of locations and whether the other selected conditions are satisfied.

5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information required for charge billing is recorded by the external service logic unit and is forwarded via the open network interface to a billing unit provided for charge

billing in the communications network after the telecommunications link has been terminated.

6. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein in that the open network interface is a Parlay or an OSA API.